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Hi,

I was wondering if EPA considers the Gold King Mine release an "accident" or not? I only note a handful of instances when the EPA refers to the mine blowout as an "accident" rather than an "incident."

Please let me know. Thanks!

Best,

Mike

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Michael Bastasch

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